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RESPONSE TO NON-FINAL OFFICE ACTION

MAIL STOP Amendment
Commissioner for Patents
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Dear Sir:

This paper is filed in response to the Non-final Office Action mailed on June 15, 2009 for the above-identified patent application. This response is accompanied by a request for a three months extension of time and the Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge the request fee as well as any other fee that may be deemed necessary and proper for further prosecution of the above-identified patent application to Howrey LLP Deposit Account No. 08-3038, referencing the above-identified attorney docket number. Amendments to the claims begin at page 2, Applicants' Arguments begin at page 11 and conclusion is at page 14.